**Directions:** As you listen, take notes reflecting on what you hear, recording interesting quotes from the discussion, or jotting follow-up questions that you might like to ask group members after the discussion.

1. What stood out as you read?
2. How would you describe the writer’s style?
3. What is the setting and what is unique about it?
4. What do you think about the narrator or protagonist?
5. What do you predict will happen in the coming chapters?
6. Does anything strike you as symbolic in these early chapters?
7. Do the book, setting, events, characters strike you as believable and relatable so far?
8. What else? Confusing parts? Favorite parts? Uncomfortable parts? Difficulty or ease in reading?

COPY DOWN YOUR HOMEWORK FOR NEXT WEEK:

* Two members bring in a favorite part to read and discuss (roughly 1 paragraph in length).
* Two members bring in a question they want to discuss and share their answers.
* One member compares him/herself to a character, explaining similarities and differences.
* One member finds a paragraph that embodies the primary theme so far, and explains it.